# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2275
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FOREIGN VESSELS APPREHENDED IN E.E.Z
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of cases about violation of our EEZ in and around A&N Islands detected by Coast Guard and Indian Navy during the last three years;

(b) the details of vessels and crew members apprehended on account of such violations and the status of such cases as on date; and

(c) the details of vessels and their captains/crew who have been captured twice or more number of times and punitive/corrective action taken/proposed to prevent such repetitive violations?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2275 FO 9.3.2000.

The year-wise details of cases of violations of our EEZ in and around A&N Islands detected by the Coast Guard (CG) and the Indian Navy (IN) during the last three years are as under:-

| | INDIAN NAVY | | COAST GUARD | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | Boats | Crew | Boats | Crew |
| 1997 | 20 | 28 | 19 | 99 |
| 1998 | 23 | 61 | 14 | 133 |
| 1999 | 44 | 200 | 8 | 193 |

The apprehended vessels and their crew which belonged to Indonesia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand were handed over to the local police authorities for conducting investigations and taking further necessary action as per the Law. As per the available information, there was no occasion when the same vessel or crew was captured more than once.

The Indian Navy and the Coast Guard continue to maintain regular vigil in the area around A&N Islands to prevent violation of our Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).